इसका उद्देश्य राज्यों/संघराज्य क्षेत्रों की समूची आवश्यकता को पूरा करना नहीं होता ।

(ग) विभिन्न जिलों/शहरों आदि के बीच आवश्यक वस्तुओं का राज्य के भीतर वितरण राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों द्वारा किया जाता है । केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य के अन्तर्गत किसी जिले/शहर को किए जाने वाले आंतरिक वितरण के संबंध में आंकड़े नहीं रखती है ।

Shortage of kerosene and essential commodities in Rajasthan

2105. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of kerosene and essential commodities in the State of Rajasthan; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to increase supply of kerosene and other essential commodities to the State of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Central Government had not received any report of acute overall shortage of foodgrains and kerosene from the Rajasthan Government in the recent past. It has, however, requested for enhancement of allocation of kerosene and wheat.

Allocations of foodgrains to the State Governments/UT Administrations including Rajasthan, are made on a month to month basis taking into account factors like demand from States, overall availability of stotcks in Central Pool, *inter-se* requirements of various States, etc. These allotments are supplemental in nature and the entire requirement of a State cannot be met.

Allocation of kerosene to all State Governments/UT Aministrations including Rajasthan are presently being maintained at the same level as in the corresponding month of the previous year. It has not been possible to enhance the allocation of kerosene to Rajasthan due to availability constraints and foreign exchange situation.

Filling up of the posts under reservation quotas

@2106. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of posts to be filled against reservation quotas for different categories and classes would be exclusive of those which fall to candidates who come by merit to be selected against non-reserved posts; and

(b) if so, whether the percentage of posts to be filled on the basis of reservations besides those who come by merit against non-reserved posts would, under the new scheme, come to over 60 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Government issued instructions on 22.5.89 stating that in cases of direct recruitment to vacancies in posts under the Central Government the SC/ST candidates who are selected on their own merit without relaxed standards alongwith candidates belonging to the other communities, will not be adjusted against the reserved share of vacancies. The reserved vacancies will be filled up separately from amongst the eligible SC and ST candidates which will thus comprise SC and ST candidates who are lower in merit than the last candidate on the merit list but otherwise found suitable for appointment even by relaxed standards, if necessary.

The reserved share of vacancies will continue to be determined on the basis

@Previously Unstarred Question 1868, Transferred from the 10th December, 1991.

of reservation percentages prescribed for SC and ST in the different Groups of service. It is however, likely that the intake of SC/ST candidates will be higher than the number as per the reserved share, if SC/ST candidates qualify on their own merit. How much higher, will depend on the performance of SC/ST candidates in each recruitment attempt.

2107. [*Transferred to the 20th December,* 1991.]

Formation of Adivasi regiment in armed forces

2108. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to raise Tribal (Adivasi) Regiment in Armed Forces; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Presently Adivasis are being enrolled in BIHAR, MAHAR and PARA Regiments and in all Regiments/Corps based on 'All Class All India' basis. However, at a recent Akhil Bharitya Adivasi Parishad convention a demand was made for the Army raising an Adivasi Regiment. This demand is being examined with reference to the existing policy on the raising of new formations.

Light Combat aircraft project

2109. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken on the Light Combat Aircraft Project;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) the cost of the project and the time fixed for its completion;

(d) whether the project is to be aborted, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative by when Government propose to take the decision?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Government has accorded in-principle approval for Full Scale Engneering Development (FSED) for Light Combat Aircraft (LCA).

(c) FSED work is planned to be taken up in two phases. In phase I, critical technologies will be demonstrated. Work on other technologies will be pursued concurrently and these would be integrated in phase II. Cost for phase I is estimated to be about Rs. 2188 crores at October 1991 prices. Cost for phase II work would be worked out later. The first flight of technology demonstrator LCA is expected to take place in end 1996. The LCA is likely to enter service with Air Force in early years of next decade.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Non-revision of pay scales of Assistant and Stenographers in ordnance "Factories/ Board Headquarters"

2110. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revised pay scale of Rs. 1640-60-2600-EB-2900 of Assistants and Stenographers, Group 'C' of Central Secretariat vide DOP Order No. 6/6/90-CSI dated the 3rd January, 1991 has not been granted to Stenographers, Group 'C' of Ordnance Factories/Board Headquarters; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The revised pay scale of Rs. 1640-2900, in which the Assistants and Stenographers Grade 'C' of Central Secretariat are placed, is not applicable to the Stenographers Grade 'C' of the Ordnance Factories/Board Headquarters, due to the difference of classification between these posts. The classification of Stenographers Grade 'C' of Central Secretariat is Group 'B' (Non-Gazetted) whereas that of ordnance Factories/Board Hqrs. is Group 'C' (Non-Gazetted), as per the Recruitment Rules.